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displayed so that the contents become continuous in sequence in a playback sequence from content that is currently being played back from a display of an operation element that causes an image of a playback process to appear or from a display showing the content which is currently being played back. When the playback of one piece of content of one play list from among a plurality of play lists is terminated and one piece of content of an other play list is played back, at least the content that is currently being played back and content to be subsequently played back are displayed so that the contents can be distinguished.--

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-65 by rewriting same to read as follows:

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--1. (Amended) A playback apparatus, comprising:  
 setting means for setting portions to be partially played back in each content of a plurality of contents based on a predetermined cut-out pattern in which at least a playback time is set;  
 selection means for selecting each content in sequence from the plurality of contents; and  
 playback means for sequentially playing back the portions to be partially played back set in the selected content.

--2. (Amended) The playback apparatus according to Claim